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Today's Topics:

 Lead the Way! (was Re: code/nocode blah blah blah (2 msgs))

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In article <1wg98B2w165w@balsam.pinetree.org> cowan@balsam.pinetree.org (Darin
Cowan) writes:

 I agree that it wouldn't make sense at all if Americans were all that was
 in the world and we all had american laws... but we don't and not all countries
 have an extra class or require 20 wpm to work in that band.

 Wouldn't it be nice if the US worked like everyone else?

 Standards... what a concept.

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 Darin Cowan - cowan@balsam.pinetree.org | I just try to make people's
 | lives a little more surreal
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Yes, let's dump the American phone subband restrictions. Imagine,

half a million kilowatt sideband signals all over those thin slices of hf bands like 20 meters which are currently W-free.

(I, for one, am all for it!)

I'll bet foreign governments would scream to the U.S. about this, though. And no two VEs will ever find a spot to QSO. QRM, coast to coast!

What a concept! We'll work just like everyone else does!

(Having received and read a copy of the Canadian rules, and after checking out the basic rules for most other countries in a reference book, I've come to the conclusion that US hams are way, way over-regulated. For example, here's what Canadians get:

No phone/cw subbands. Just band plans a la 160. (*useful* 40 m phone!)

No mode restrictions. No more J3E/J2A/A1A/C3F and on and on.

Just keep bandwidth down to 6 kHz on HF (1 kHz on 30 m)

Two licence classes (basic & advanced, ~= general and advanced, respectively), 3 code levels (0,5,12 wpm, 3 min test, <= 5 errors to pass)

You don't even get more frequency privs for upgrading to advanced!

0 = everything about 30 MHz

5 = above 30 and below 4 MHz (yes, phone too)

12= everything

There are only 4 things a basic op can't do.

1. 1000 W (vs. 250)
2. Trustee for repeater/club
3. Run remote control
4. Use (*or possess*) homebrew

Like to sample this? Generals and above are considered Advanced +12 wpm, and they get *everything* for the price of a small DXpedition north.

And *we're* the land of the free?

American hams have been griping about incentive licensing since day 1. But I didn't expect the trumpet calling us to fix this to come from a country which has so much to lose from deregulation of US amateurs. Darin, though, is the 2nd VE I've heard make the suggestion. (Maybe you want to recant, Darin?) And if I'm wrong about whether foreigners care to have a few kHz to themselves, well, who am I to stand in the way of progress?

Of course, if you're discussing standards, this merely lowers them, doesn't it?)

-Drt

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Wait, I've got it -

Let's dump element 1(c) and institute element 5 for extras!

Mastery of Operating Procedures!

A grueling, 500 question exam on A-1 operating procedure on all modes.
Questions like:

Why does KN make no ****ing sense after a CQ?

In the last decade, how many times have you called a DX station
zero-beat when he was working split (e.g., because you just forgot to
listen first)? A. Zero B. You flunk.

How many milliseconds should you wait before disabling the beacon on
your new TNC?

What's wrong with saying, "QRX one, Bob, I've got a landline" on
phone? ("Wait a minute. I think I know this one ... ")

What do you do when you want to kerchunk legally? ("Sorry, I was looking
for a repeater with less coverage.")

Passing is 100%.

The point, of course, is to reduce the number of Extra Lids on the
bands. And Advanced lids, since they'll be studying to "upgrade."
All current Extras to be demoted if they fail to pass element 5
within 1 year.

(You know, this isn't too bad an idea!)

Bonus: we wouldn't have to read any more code flames, either.

"73 ES BEST REGARDS OM"

-drt

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